

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 135.11, the Department of Public Health hereby adopts new Chapter 50, "Oral Health," Iowa Administrative Code.

In 2007, the position of State Public Health Dental Director and the Oral Health Bureau were both established in Iowa Code Supplement sections 135.14 and 135.15, respectively. These proposed rules describe the purpose and responsibilities of the State Dental Director and the Oral Health Bureau.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 21, 2008, as **ARC 6795B**. A public hearing was held through the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) at five locations, with notice of the public hearing and public comment period sent to various individuals and organizations. Comments were sent from one organization, the Iowa Dental Association. The comment topic was the definition of "dental home."

The rules have been modified from those published under Notice. The modification was made upon consideration of the comment received.

The change made to the Notice is as follows: The definition of "dental home" now includes "diagnostic services, treatment services, and emergency services" to more closely reflect the dental home definition adopted by the Iowa Legislature in 2008. The listed providers in the definition were not changed because the dental screening statute allows for both dental and nondental health care professionals. Reference to the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program was not included in the definition of "dental home" because EPSDT is a Medicaid program and the Oral Health Bureau, as a public health entity, promotes oral health for all Iowans regardless of payment source. The definition now reads as follows:

" 'Dental home' means a network of dental and nondental public and private health care professionals providing individualized care based on risk assessment. Services include oral health education, dental screenings, preventive services, diagnostic services, treatment services, and emergency services."

These rules were adopted by the State Board of Health on July 9, 2008.

These rules will become effective on September 3, 2008.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement sections 135.14 and 135.15.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these rules [Ch 50] is being omitted. With the exception of the change noted above, these rules are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 6795B**, IAB 5/21/08.

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